

POLICE DEADLOCK STILL UNBROKEN.

Likely to Continue While the Present Commissioners Are in Office.

MOSS NO OLIVE BRANCH.

Mayor Strong Hopes to See Him Elected President of the Board.

COLONEL GRANT RESENTFUL.

His Memory of Mr. Moss's Criticisms of Him Still Strong—Why Certain Men Declined the High Position.

As yet no human being can get any of the Police Commissioners to substantiate these statements. But they are true.

The appointment of Frank Moss as Police Commissioner has, if possible, widened the breach in the Police Board, on one side of which Messrs. Parker and Grant stand; on the other Messrs. Andrews and Moss.

The end of the deadlock is not in sight—at least while Mayor Strong and the present Police Commissioners are in office.

Messrs. Grant and Parker believe—but they will not say so—that before Frank Moss was appointed Mayor Strong was not to vote for Colonel Grant for President of the Police Board.

Messrs. Grant and Parker believe—they will not say so—that the Mayor wishes Mr. Moss to be President of the Board, and that Mr. Andrews will, of course, vote for Mr. Moss, although Mr. Andrews would like to be president himself. Mr. Parker, more particularly, resents the Mayor's attempt to force a president upon the Board in which the law vests the election of a president. Colonel Grant will remember Mr. Moss's criticisms of him.

Frank Moss, whom Mayor Strong made Police Commissioner, to succeed Theodore Roosevelt, on Thursday, arrived at Police Headquarters at 10 a. m. yesterday. He had no difficulty in finding the room that was Mr. Roosevelt's office, and seated himself at the desk there, whose pigeonholes were empty. On the desk was a big basket of fragrant roses, the congratulatory gift of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Parsley, of Brooklyn. Opposite the desk was a carillon by Nast, representing Mr. Roosevelt, in a sombrero, astride a bucking broncho. The broncho apparently represented the Board of Police, which yesterday was kicking and bucking with much agility and vigor.

Word Picture of Mr. Moss. Mr. Moss is a good man who weighs 160 pounds. He is not quite forty years of age. His head is well shaped. The frivolous could say that his forehead extends to the back of his head and tell the truth, for the top of Mr. Moss's head is as hairless and shiny as a looking glass. His head is surrounded at the base by a fringe of gray-black hair. His close-cropped beard and his heavy moustache are of black, thickly streaked with gray.

Mr. Moss has gray eyes, which, in certain lights, display a greenish tinge. His eyes are small, but they are well placed in his head, widely separated by the broad bridge of his nose. His eyebrows are heavy and come very close to meeting in the middle. His nose is irregular in shape and prominent. Mr. Moss has white, even teeth, which are in evidence when he smiles, but scarcely so obtrusive as the teeth of the gentleman who preceded him on the Police Board. Mr. Moss has a pleasant smile and a soft voice. When he loses his temper, which he rarely does, his voice is harsh. It is gratifying to learn from Dr. Parkhurst that Mr. Moss is not profane; that nothing can make him swear. Did he swear he probably would have sworn yesterday.

The hands of the new Commissioner are white and well shaped. He has a big, strong wrist. He was very quietly clothed yesterday, and always dresses quietly. He wore a black coat and vest, and trousers of very dark blue. Besides a smile, he wore a black pearl stud, a gold watch chain and a plain gold ring. As every one ought to know, Mr. Moss is a lawyer, who took a prominent part, under Mr. Goff, in the Lexow investigation, and is trustee and counsel of the Parkhurst Society.

Equally gratifying with the basket of roses, were the telegrams and letters received by the new Commissioner yesterday. One telegram was from Dr. Parkhurst: "Cordial congratulations to the plucky successor of a plucky predecessor." Another: "Congratulations to New York City. Best wishes for your success." Roger Foster, Hiram Hitchcock, Judge Lamont, of Ballston Spa, and many others, wired and wrote their congratulations.

The new Commissioner's first act was to assure Miss Kelly, who was Mr. Roosevelt's private secretary, that he would retain her in his service. Then Mr. Moss went to the special meeting of the Board, which, under the rules, was called for 11 a. m. by Commissioner Andrews, Parker and Grant. Mr. Moss found Commissioner Andrews in the president's seat at the Board's table. But neither Mr. Parker nor Colonel Grant appeared. It was afterward explained that Colonel Grant was detained at a school celebration. Mr. Andrews and Mr. Moss adjourned for half an hour. They met again and Mr. Moss's certificate of appointment was read and inserted in the minutes. Then the meeting, which was not a meeting, was adjourned until 10 a. m. on Monday next.

More Congratulations. After Colonel Grant and Mr. Parker soon after arrived. Then ensued a series of consultations between the members of the Board. It was interesting to note that Mr. Andrews and Mr. Grant were never at the same consultation. It seemed, after two hours of these secret consultations, that a meeting of the Board would be held. Commissioner Andrews again took his seat at the head of the table. Commissioners Moss, Parker and Grant were in Mr. Moss's office. When Parker and Grant went out, Mr. Moss sent for Mr. Andrews, and then Chief Clerk Kip, who had brought his books and papers in expectation of a meeting, announced there would be no meeting today.

Throughout these consultations, lasting until 5:30 p. m., when Mr. Moss went home.



Mrs. Ramsay Barry, who is in this city on her wedding trip.

MR. AND MRS. RAMSAY BARRY, nee Robinson, of Baltimore, are expected here to-day. Their wedding was one of the finest seen there for years, and was attended by a large contingent of society people from this city. Cardinal Gibbons officiated. The young couple will pass a portion of their honeymoon here, coming on for the Grant dedication parade. Mrs. Barry, who was formerly Miss Agnes Robinson, one of six daughters of the late John Monro Robinson, is a great beauty. She made her debut at the last Monday cotillon, and immediately became a belle. Shortly afterward her engagement was announced to Mr. Barry. The bridegroom is a very popular young clubman and well known here. He is a lineal descendant of the Earl of Barrymore, Viscount Betheran and of Sir George Ramsay, Earl of Dalhousie.

"Why did you not hold a meeting?" was asked Mr. Moss.

"We discussed in private the matters that would have come before us in meeting," he answered.

"When you do meet, who will occupy the president's chair?"

"I am not sure," said the new Commissioner, smiling.

"But some one must, at least, call you to order."

"Indubitably. Some one will."

Here are some of the things Mr. Moss had to say for publication:

"I shall be unbiased."

"I am not conscious of any personal differences with any Commissioner that will prevent my getting along with him."

"If many sometimes have seemed as if the fur were flying, but I guess there is nothing that rankles. I am going to ignore what has happened."

"The Police Department is better than before the Lexow investigation, but it has relaxed in spots and I know the spots. And this, plainly aimed at Mr. Lauterbach, who criticized Mr. Moss's appointment."

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"I do not concern myself with the charges made by Mr. Lauterbach that Mr. Moss is not a good Republican. He can be a good Republican and still not engage in factional politics. I never consider factional lines in making my appointments. I have appointed more than 100 men to office than I have and I have not been in the Police Department for a month and his board and no effort to have Mr. Moss elected president of the Police Board. I have requested no one to vote for him, but I hope he will be chosen."

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CUPID'S MASTER ON ELLIS ISLAND.

The Little Love God Doesn't Rule Supreme There.

FRANZ AND MARIA PARTED.

The Doting Youth Had Paid the Girl's Passage to This Country, But—

Through a decision which Commissioner of Immigration McSweeney rendered yesterday, Franz Krue, a young German, who is employed on a dairy farm at Setauket, N. J., loses his sweetheart and will have to content himself with some Setauket belle. At the same time he has lost the price of a steerage ticket, which he sent to Germany to bring his sweetheart to this country.

Maria Smerek is about twenty years of age and pretty. She arrived on the West-ernland on Tuesday. Since then she has been detained at Ellis Island because she had no money and because she said her passage to this country had been paid by Krue, her intended husband.

While waiting for Krue to appear Commissioner McSweeney learned that Maria and Krue had been engaged for some time, and that when Krue emigrated to this country two years ago he promised to send for her as soon as possible. He only remained in this country a few months, and then returned to Germany, intending to remain there, as he was unable to secure employment in this country. About six months ago he returned and shortly after his arrival secured employment on the dairy farm of Harris Feinberg, at Setauket. He managed to save \$60, and a month ago sent for his sweetheart.

After Krue emigrated the second time, Maria met another young German, a soldier, and, forgetting that she was engaged to Krue, fell in love with him. Her father objected to her choice, and when the ticket arrived from Krue, though Maria protested that she no longer loved him, her father insisted that she must come to this country and marry him. She obeyed and started for America.

On learning the facts in the case, Commissioner McSweeney sent for the lover, and Krue arrived at Ellis Island yesterday. He was informed that Maria loved another, but that made no difference to him. He had paid for her ticket to this country and was willing to marry her, even though she loved a dozen.

Maria seemed also willing to marry Krue, and for a while the Commissioner was in a quandary. He finally learned that Krue earned only a month and his board, and as that was not sufficient to support a wife, he decided against Krue and ordered Maria back to Germany.

Whether the girl was pleased with the decision or not the Commissioner was unable to tell, nor was he able to tell which Krue regretted most, the loss of his sweetheart or the loss of the money for the steerage passage.

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SHALL BRIBERY LAW BE CHANGED?

Eminent Lawyers Discuss the Suggestion Made by the Journal.

DITTENHOEFER FAVORS IT.

The Ex-Judge Would, However, Grant Immunity to Either Legislator or the Briber.

The suggestion made yesterday by the Journal that to stamp out bribery in the Legislature a law should be passed granting immunity to the legislator who, having taken a bribe, gives evidence against the man who offered it, has aroused interest among office holders, lawyers and the public.

A number of lawyers, prominent in their profession, were seen yesterday in regard to the change that the Journal had proposed, and their opinions are given. One of the most eminent heartily agreed with the Journal's proposal, but adds to it the suggestion to widen the application of the principle by granting immunity to either the briber or the man bribed, whichever will first inform on the other. He believes that there would thus be such mutual fear, both before and after the bribery, that the crime would thus be successfully combated.

Another believes that the principle of granting immunity to one party to the crime is the best way to get at the root of the evil, but he would not grant it to the legislator who betrays a public trust, but to the lesser criminal, who bribes him.

Ex-Judge A. J. Dittenhoefer—"I believe that a bribery law embodying such a feature as the Journal suggests would be the only way to stamp out bribery. As it is, both sides are too utterly interested in maintaining silence regarding the crime. Under present laws it is extremely difficult and almost impossible to ferret bribery to the bottom and convict and punish the criminals."

"The only way is to promise immunity to the man who will give the needed evidence, and therefore it is that I agree with the suggestion to give immunity to the legislator who, having accepted a bribe, will come forward and tell of it. But I would go still further. I would make the law such as to give immunity to either the bribed or the briber, whichever would first tell of the bribes having been given. Each party to the crime would be fearful that the other would betray him, and each would be completely in the hands of the other. I believe that under such a law bribery would cease to exist, except in isolated and extreme cases."

E. F. Einstein, of Einstein & Townsend—"The suggestion of the Journal is striking and valuable, although I do not exactly agree with it. The principle is all right, but seems to me to be applied in the right way. I do not think that the bribed legislator should be granted immunity. I do, however, think that such might be accomplished by giving immunity to the man who gives the bribe instead of to the man who takes it."

A legislator is a trust for the public. If he violates his trust, he should be sharply punished. I should be sorry to see any law passed that would declare the crime of a representative of the public an innocent act.

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tion, in so far as it recognizes that the best way to place the hands of the law on bribery is by making it possible for one of the parties to it to inform without any danger to himself, I am inclined to strongly agree with him, but would give the immunity to the one whose offense is the smaller of the two.

"Legislators would be chary of accepting bribes if they realized that the man who puts the money in their hands is legally safe in sending them to the penitentiary."

W. M. K. Oleott, District Attorney—I am, of course, interested in any suggestion which would tend to lessen the crime of bribe-giving, because its venal effect is more far-reaching and detrimental to public interests than that of any other crime, but I fear that the suggestion of removing the bribe-taker from criminal penalty lacks practicability. There is proverbially and actually a great gulf between the man who would follow and the man who would be followed. The men who bribe them, because they know that informers are despised and that their social and political ostracism would follow, and that the means of political livelihood and success be swept from them. If you tried to compel them to testify they would undoubtedly commit perjury without any fear of being whipped of justice, because the only ones who could convict them of their perjuries would be the very ones whose lips would be sealed by their interest.

William B. Hornblower, Former Judge—I regard the suggestion in the Journal's editorial, "How to Meet Bribery," as a good one. For the purpose of securing convictions in order that the offering of bribes shall be dangerous either the bribe offerer or the bribe taker should be actually made to choose between a bribe quite agree to this. I am not certain in my mind, however, which it should be. I am inclined to think it should be the receiver of the bribe, should be weighed as a great menace to our political system, and the utmost endeavor should be made to check it.

Henry A. Braun, City Magistrate—I hesitate in giving an off-hand opinion concerning the suggestion that it be made no crime for a legislator to accept a bribe. It is a question that should be weighed well. It would be an experiment and its results could hardly be accurately foretold to my way of thinking. I presume that lobbyists know their own value, and it hardly seems that the offer of immunity to the receiver of a bribe would result in aiding much the securing of convictions. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hotchen and Mr. and Mrs. J. Kennedy.

SOCIETY'S MINSTREL SHOW

Young Men of the West Side Amusement Club in Burnt Cork at the West End Hotel.

The final meeting for this season of the West Side Amusement Club took place last night. The much-talk